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16 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
17 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

18 KILINA AMERICA, INC., a California
19 Corporation;

20 Plaintiff,

21 vs.

22 TK CLOTHING INC, d/b/a
23 BELLISSIMA and BUBBLE B, a
24 California corporation; SILVINA LEE,
an individual; NOVEMBER SKY,
INC., a California corporation; and
DOES 1-10, inclusive,

25 Defendants.

26 Case Number: 2:17-cv-2893

27 **PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT FOR:**

28 **1. COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT**
2. VICARIOUS COPYRIGHT
INFRINGEMENT
3. CONTRIBUTORY COPYRIGHT
INFRINGEMENT

Jury Trial Demanded

1 Plaintiff KILINA AMERICA, INC. (“Plaintiff” or “KILINA”) by and through its
2 undersigned attorneys, hereby prays to this honorable Court for relief and remedy
3 based on the following:

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5 **INTRODUCTION**

6 Plaintiff is a California-based company engaged in the apparel industry as a textile
7 converter of imported and domestic fabrications. Plaintiff creates, or purchases
8 and obtains, exclusive rights to unique two-dimensional graphic artworks for use
9 on textiles and garments, and those textiles and garments are transacted primarily
10 in the fashion industry. Plaintiff owns these designs in exclusivity and makes sales
11 of products bearing these designs for profit. Plaintiff’s business is predicated on its
12 ownership of these designs and it spends a considerable amount of time and
13 resources creating and obtaining top-quality, marketable and aesthetically-
14 appealing designs. Customers of Plaintiff, including possibly DOE defendants
15 named herein, take design samples with the understanding and agreement that they
16 will only utilize Plaintiff to reproduce said designs should they wish to do so, and
17 will not seek to make minor changes to Plaintiff’s proprietary work to reproduce
18 the same elsewhere, yet use those designs in furtherance of their business in
19 violation of both their contractual agreement with Plaintiff and Plaintiff’s
20 copyrights. No other party is authorized to make sales of product bearing
21 Plaintiff’s proprietary designs without express permission from Plaintiff. This
22 action is brought to recover damages for direct, vicarious and contributory
23 copyright infringement arising out of the misappropriation of Plaintiff’s exclusive
24 designs by the Defendants, and each of them.

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26 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

27 1. This action arises under the Copyright Act of 1976, Title 17 U.S.C. § 101 *et*
28 *seq.*

- 1 2. This Court has federal question jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1338(a)
2 and (b).
- 3 3. Venue in this judicial district is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(c) and 1400(a)
4 in that this is the judicial district in which a substantial part of the acts and
5 omissions giving rise to the claims occurred.

6 **PARTIES**

- 7 4. KILINA AMERICA, INC. (“Plaintiff”) is a corporation organized and existing
8 under the laws of the State of California with its principal place of business in
9 the County of Los Angeles, at 1368 E Washington Blvd., Los Angeles, CA
10 90021.
- 11 5. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant TK
12 CLOTHING INC, d/b/a BELLISSIMA and BUBBLE B, (“TK CLOTHING”)
13 is, and at all times herein mentioned was, a corporation organized and existing
14 under the laws of California and doing business in California, with its principal
15 place of business at 1015 Crocker St., Ste S12, Los Angeles, CA 90021.
- 16 6. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant SILVANA
17 LEE (“LEE”) is, and at all times herein mentioned was, an individual residing
18 in Los Angeles, California. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon
19 alleges that Defendant LEE is, and at all times herein mentioned was, the owner
20 and principal of TK CLOTHING with its principal place of business at 1015
21 Crocker St., Ste S12, Los Angeles, CA 90021.
- 22 7. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant
23 NOVEMBER SKY, INC. (“NOVEMBER SKY”) is, and at all times herein
24 mentioned was, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of
25 California and doing business in California, with its principal place of business
26 at 1015 Crocker St., #P-06, Los Angeles, CA 90021.
- 27 8. Named Defendants, and DOES 1-10, may be collectively referred to as
28 “Defendants.”

1 9. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that some of Defendants
2 Does 1 through 3, inclusive, are manufacturers and/or vendors of garments to
3 Defendant, which DOE Defendants have manufactured and/or supplied and are
4 manufacturing and/or supplying garments comprised of fabric printed with
5 Plaintiff's copyrighted design(s) (as hereinafter defined) without Plaintiff's
6 knowledge or consent or have contributed to said infringement. The true
7 names, whether corporate, individual or otherwise, and capacities of defendants
8 sued herein as Does 1 through 3 are presently unknown to Plaintiff at this time,
9 and therefore, Plaintiff sues said defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff
10 will seek leave to amend this complaint to allege their true names and capacities
11 when the same have been ascertained. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and
12 based thereon alleges, that each of defendants designated as a DOE is
13 responsible in some manner for the events alleged herein and the damages
14 caused thereby.

15 10. Defendants DOES 4 through 10, inclusive, are other parties not yet identified
16 who have infringed Plaintiff's copyrights, have contributed to the infringement
17 of Plaintiff's copyrights, or have engaged in one or more of the wrongful
18 practices alleged herein. The true names, whether corporate, individual or
19 otherwise, and capacities of defendants sued herein as Does 4 through 10 are
20 presently unknown to Plaintiff at this time, and therefore, Plaintiff sues said
21 defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff will seek leave to amend this
22 complaint to allege their true names and capacities when the same have been
23 ascertained.

24 11. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that at all times
25 relevant hereto each of Defendants acted in concert with each other, was the
26 agent, affiliate, officer, director, manager, principal, alter-ego, and/or employee
27 of the remaining defendants and was at all times acting within the scope of such
28 agency, affiliation, alter-ego relationship and/or employment; and actively

1 participated in or subsequently rarified and adopted, or both, each and all of the
2 acts or conducts alleged, with full knowledge of all the facts and circumstances,
3 including without limitation to full knowledge of each and every wrongful
4 conducts and Plaintiff's damages caused therefrom.

5 **CLAIMS RELATED TO DESIGN**

6 12. Plaintiff is the owner and author of a two-dimensional artwork called KM-
7 57007 ("Subject Design"). (Exhibit A).

8 13. Plaintiff applied for a copyright from the United States Copyright Office for the
9 Subject Design and was granted Registration VA 2-022-887 effective on July
10 20, 2016. (Exhibit B).

11 14. Plaintiff formatted the Subject Design for use on textiles, sampled the Subject
12 Design, and negotiated sales of fabric bearing the Subject Design.

13 15. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, each of
14 them, had access to the Subject Designs, including without limitation, through:
15 (a) access to Plaintiff's showroom and/or design library; (b) access to illegally
16 distributed copies of the Subject Designs by third-party vendors and/or DOE
17 Defendants, including without limitation international and/or overseas
18 converters and printing mills; (c) access to Plaintiff's strike-offs and samples;
19 and (d) access to garments in the marketplace manufactured with lawfully
20 printed fabric bearing the Subject Designs.

21 16. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that, without Plaintiff's
22 authorization, Defendant TK CLOTHING purchased, sold, marketed,
23 advertised, manufactured, caused to be manufactured, imported and/or
24 distributed fabric and/or garments comprised of fabric featuring a design which
25 is identical, or substantially similar to, the Subject Design. A true and correct
26 copy of such a garment is attached hereto as Exhibit C. Said garments include
27 but are not limited to garments sold by TK CLOTHING bearing the label
28 "Million Bullpup".

1 17. At various times Defendant TK CLOTHING owned and controlled offline
2 and/or online retail stores, and each, Plaintiff's investigation revealed that
3 garments comprised of fabric bearing the Subject Design were being offered for
4 sale, garments which were manufactured and/or imported under the direction of
5 the Defendants, and each of them.

6 18. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that, without Plaintiff's
7 authorization, Defendant LEE purchased, sold, marketed, advertised,
8 manufactured, caused to be manufactured, imported and/or distributed fabric
9 and/or garments comprised of fabric featuring a design which is identical, or
10 substantially similar to, the Subject Design. A true and correct copy of such a
11 garment is attached hereto as Exhibit C. Said garments include but are not
12 limited to garments sold by TK CLOTHING.

13 19. At various times Defendant LEE owned and controlled offline and/or online
14 retail stores, and each, Plaintiff's investigation revealed that garments
15 comprised of fabric bearing the Subject Design were being offered for sale,
16 garments which were manufactured and/or imported under the direction of the
17 Defendants, and each of them.

18 20. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that, without Plaintiff's
19 authorization, Defendant NOVEMBER SKY purchased, sold, marketed,
20 advertised, manufactured, caused to be manufactured, imported and/or
21 distributed fabric and/or garments comprised of fabric featuring a design which
22 is identical, or substantially similar to, the Subject Design. A true and correct
23 copy of such a garment is attached hereto as Exhibit C. Said garments include
24 but are not limited to garments sold by NOVEMBER SKY bearing the label
25 "Million Bullpup".

26 21. At various times Defendant NOVEMBER SKY owned and controlled offline
27 and/or online retail stores, and each, Plaintiff's investigation revealed that
28 garments comprised of fabric bearing the Subject Design were being offered for

1 sale, garments which were manufactured and/or imported under the direction of
2 the Defendants, and each of them.

3 22. None of the aforementioned transactions were authorized by Plaintiff, and all
4 were in violation of Plaintiff's intellectual property rights.

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6 **FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

7 (For Copyright Infringement – Against all Defendants, and Each)

8 23. Plaintiff repeats, re-alleges and incorporates herein by reference as though fully
9 set forth the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 22, inclusive, of this
10 Complaint.

11 24. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each
12 of them, accessed the Subject Design through, without limitation, the following:
13 (a) access to Plaintiff's design library; (b) access to authorized or unauthorized
14 reproductions in the possession of other vendors and/or DOE Defendants; and
15 (c) access to Plaintiff's strike-offs, swatches, paper CADs and samples.

16 25. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each
17 of them, infringed Plaintiff's copyright by importing, creating, marketing,
18 advertising, making, and/or developing directly infringing and/or derivative
19 works from the Subject Design and by importing, producing, distributing and/or
20 selling infringing garments through a nationwide network of retail stores,
21 catalogues, and online websites.

22 26. Due to Defendants' acts of infringement, Plaintiff has suffered substantial
23 damages to its business in an amount to be established at trial.

24 27. Due to Defendants' acts of infringement, Plaintiff has suffered general and
25 special damages to its business in an amount to be established at trial.

26 28. Due to Defendants' acts of copyright infringement as alleged herein,
27 Defendants, and each of them, have obtained direct and indirect profits they
28 would not otherwise have realized but for their infringement of the Subject

1 Design. As such, Plaintiff is entitled to disgorgement of Defendants' profits
2 directly and indirectly attributable to Defendants' infringement of the Subject
3 Design in an amount to be established at trial.

4 Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each
5 of them, have committed acts of infringement alleged herein with actual or
6 constructive knowledge of Plaintiff's rights such that Plaintiff is entitled to a
7 finding of willful infringement.

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9 **SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

10 (For Vicarious and/or Contributory Copyright Infringement – Against All
11 Defendants)

12 Plaintiff repeats, re-alleges and incorporates herein by reference as though fully
13 set forth the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 29, inclusive, of this
14 Complaint.

15 Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each
16 of them, knowingly induced, participated in, aided and abetted in and
17 resultantly profited from the illegal reproduction, importation, purchase,
18 marketing, advertisement, distribution and/or sales of product featuring the
19 Subject Design as alleged herein above.

20 Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each
21 of them, are vicariously liable for the infringement alleged herein because they
22 had the right and ability to supervise the infringing conduct and because they
23 had a direct financial interest in the infringing product.

24 By reason of the Defendants', and each of their, acts of contributory and/or
25 vicarious infringement as alleged above, Plaintiff has suffered and will continue
26 to suffer substantial damages to its business in an amount to be established at
27 trial, as well as additional general and special damages in an amount to be
28 established at trial.

1 34. Due to Defendants' acts of contributory and/or vicarious copyright infringement
2 as alleged herein, Defendants, and each of them, have obtained direct and
3 indirect profits they would have not otherwise realized but for their
4 infringement of the Subject Design. As such, Plaintiff is entitled to
5 disgorgement of Defendants' profits directly and indirectly attributable to
6 Defendants' infringement of the Subject Design, an amount to be established at
7 trial.

8 35. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each
9 of them, have committed acts of infringement alleged herein with actual or
10 constructive knowledge of Plaintiff's rights such that Plaintiff is entitled to a
11 finding of willful infringement.

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13 **THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

14 (Contributory Copyright Infringement– Against All Defendants)

15 36. Plaintiff repeats, re-alleges and incorporates herein by reference as though fully
16 set forth the allegations contained hereforeto, inclusive, of this Complaint.

17 37. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each
18 of them, knowingly induced, caused, materially contributed to, participated in,
19 encourages, aided and abetted in and resultantly profited from the illegal
20 reproduction, importation, purchase, marketing, advertising, distribution and/or
21 sales of product featuring the Subject Design as alleged herein above.

22 38. By reason of the Defendants', and each of their, acts of contributory copyright
23 infringement as alleged above, Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer
24 substantial damages to its business in an amount to be established at trial, as well
25 as additional general and special damages in an amount to be established at
26 trial.

27 39. Due to Defendants' acts of contributory copyright infringement as alleged
28 herein, Defendants, and each of them, have obtained direct and indirect profits

1 they would have not otherwise realized but for their infringement of the Subject
2 Design. As such, Plaintiff is entitled to disgorgement of Defendants' profits
3 directly and indirectly attributable to Defendants' infringement of the Subject
4 Design, an amount to be established at trial.

5 Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each
6 of them, have committed acts of infringement alleged herein with actual or
7 constructive knowledge of Plaintiff's rights such that Plaintiff is entitled to a
8 finding of willful infringement.

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10 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

11 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against all Defendants as follows:

12 **Against All Defendants**

13 With respect to Each Claim for Relief:

- 14 1. That Defendants, their agents and servants be enjoined from infringing
15 Plaintiff's copyrights in any manner;
- 16 2. That Plaintiff be awarded all profits of Defendants plus all losses of Plaintiff,
17 the exact sum to be proven at time of trial, or, if elected before final judgment,
18 statutory damages as available under the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 101 *et*
19 *seq.*;
- 20 3. That Plaintiff be awarded its attorneys' fees as available under the Copyright
21 Act, 17 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.*;
- 22 4. That Plaintiff be awarded pre-judgment interest as allowed by law;
- 23 5. That Plaintiff be awarded costs of litigation; and
- 24 6. That Plaintiff be awarded such further legal and equitable relief as the Court
25 deems proper.

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7 **DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY**

8 Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury in this action pursuant to Federal Rule of
9 Civil Procedure 38 and the Seventh Amendment of the Constitution.

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11 Dated: April 17, 2017
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